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Egyptians vote in national referendum

mb explodes in Cairo, kills customs inspector

19 (Agencies) — A box of cigars exploded in Cairo's main post office yesterday, killing a woman customs officer and injuring four others. Police said it blew up in the post office.

Sadat's peace treaty with Israel. Voters were also deciding whether Mr. Sadat should call early general elections. The result of the ballot is expected tomorrow.

Some 10 million people were entitled to vote. The turnout in Cairo appeared to be moderate but the response was heavier in country areas and was massive in

the Suez Canal zone. President Sadat voted at his home village of Mit Abul Kom About 100 kilometres north of Cairo.

Streets in the village were decorated with portraits of the president and posters which said: "Yes to Sadat... Yes to the peace treaty... Yes to prosperity."

Arab League staff asked to go to Tunis

TUNIS, April 19 (R) — A six-nation committee set up to transfer the headquarters of the Arab League from Cairo to Tunis has ordered all Arab League staff to report for work at the new offices in the Tunisian capital before May 28.

The order was contained in the final communiqué of the committee which yesterday ended a week-long session here to arrange the transfer in line with decisions taken at the March meeting in Baghdad of Arab foreign and economy ministers to impose sanctions on Egypt in retaliation for its peace treaty with Israel.

The committee selected new offices, organised accommodation for Arab League headquarters and issued orders to international bodies to address all cor-

respondence to the Arab League in Tunis from now on.

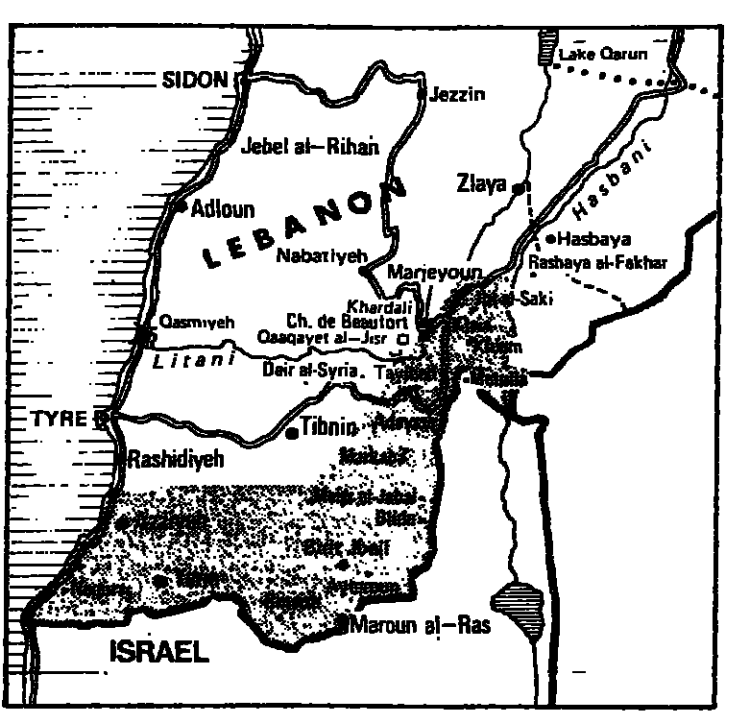
Egypt has opposed the decision to shift the headquarters and ordered Egyptian officials not to move to Tunis.

The committee said that it did not recognise the measure taken by Egypt to block the transfer of Arab League funds and accused the Egyptian government of confiscating documents and sabotaging the League's work.

In Paris, Egyptian Prime Minister Mustapha Khalil was quoted today as saying the success of any agreement on autonomy for the Palestinians depends on the Palestinians themselves.

Dr. Khalil told the daily Le Matin: "Even if we succeeded in reaching an agreement, we could not force them (the Palestinians) to accept it."

He said Egypt would invite Palestinians to talks with Israel on autonomy soon after the exchange of the instruments of ratification of the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty next Wednesday.



Map of southern Lebanon showing enclave (shaded area) controlled by Israeli-backed right-wing militiamen.

Brussels attackers remanded in custody

BRUSSELS, April 19 (R) — Two Palestinian commandos arrested after a bomb attack at Brussels airport on Monday were remanded in custody today for one month, justice sources said.

During the attack aimed at passengers from an incoming El Al flight from Tel Aviv, they hurled a bomb in the transit hall which injured 12 people, all Belgians.

The public prosecutor will decide at a later stage whether the two men, who said they belonged to a group calling itself Black March, should be officially charged with attempted premeditated murder or just attempted murder, which carries a lesser penalty.

The first charge would bring them before a criminal court, and a possible life sentence. On the second count they would go before a magistrates court and the maximum penalty would be 10 years imprisonment, the sources said.

Khaled Dayekh Dock, born in Deir Al Balah, in the Israeli-occupied Gaza Strip, made a defiant victory sign when he entered the court this morning. He did not make a statement.

Magistrates then went to a prison hospital to notify his companion, Hussein Mahmoud, who is recovering from a bullet wound in the shoulder suffered during the attack.

Investigators have discovered that the bomb thrown at the airport was a lethal defensive hand grenade.

Declaring border strongholds independent

Militias shell U.N., Lebanese positions

MANSOURA, April 19 (R) — Right-wing militiamen have declared their border strongholds in southern Lebanon independent and shelled both United Nations forces and Lebanese troops sent to assert state authority in the area.

It was one of the worst bombardments ever of U.N. forces in Lebanon.

Calm prevailed in South Lebanon today after last night's shelling, which followed the deployment of 500 Lebanese army troops further north alongside U.N. forces.

The rightist militias, sandwiched in a narrow enclave between the Israeli-Lebanese border and U.N. forces in South Lebanon, are led by renegade army major Saad Haddad.

Premier Salim Al Hoss said today the Israeli-backed right-wing leader would be cashiered and committed for trial. A warrant was issued today for his arrest on charges of collaborating with Israel and incitement to mutiny. Both carry the death penalty.

U.N. officials reported meanwhile that the coastal road to U.N. headquarters at Naqoura, 10 kilometres south of this coastal village, had been sealed. Right-wing militia were preventing U.N. troops from reaching their headquarters.

Travellers trying to drive to Naqoura from here were also turned back by right-wing militiamen at a road-block on a huge promontory.

Elsewhere in southern Lebanon Reuter correspondent Nazih Mustafa reported that roads leading from U.N. areas to Bint Jbail, a main rightist stronghold, had also been sealed off by Maj. Haddad's militias.

Rightist militias launched a widespread artillery attack on U.N. areas to their north yesterday, directing one barrage at the Lebanese army contingent as it arrived at its provisional head-

quarters in Dardghaiya, well back from direct confrontation lines.

But the worst bombardment erupted overnight when rightist militias pounded U.N. headquarters at Naqoura with shells and mortars following an exchange of fire with U.N. troops yesterday in which one rightist was killed.

Meanwhile, Lebanese troops were dug in under canvas today at Dardghaiya, some 10 kilometres north of the town of Tibnin where Irish U.N. forces face the rightists over a wide valley.

Mustafa reported that a small unit of Lebanese troops who arrived in the Tibnin area yesterday had been pulled out because of shelling in the area. Two children were killed in rightist shellfire there yesterday.

Three Israeli planes flew over South Lebanon but did not attack, Mustafa said.

By mid-afternoon today there had been no reports of fresh shelling. Maj. Haddad's declaration of independence drew hostile comment in leftist Beirut newspapers, and in the Kuwaiti, Iraqi and Jordanian press.

His declaration was seen as a gesture of defiance of both the Beirut government and the U.N. sponsored plan to deploy Lebanese troops in the south to re-establish at least a symbolic state presence in the area.

Palestinian officials in South Lebanon said it was improbable that Maj. Haddad made his declaration without Israeli consent. They said they viewed the declaration of "Free Lebanon" as an example of Israeli expansionism towards the waters of Litani River in South Lebanon.

The rightist militias are heavily dependent on Israel which has supplied them with weaponry including 155 mm artillery and super-Sherman tanks.

Since Maj. Haddad's proclamation yesterday, a number of foreign countries have declared their opposition to any break-up of Lebanon. They include the United States, Britain, Ireland, Iraq, Cyprus, Bahrain and Kuwait. Israel declined to make any formal comment.

Waldheim raps Haddad's shelling of U.N. quarters

UNITED NATIONS, April 19 (R) — Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim today strongly condemned last night's shelling by Lebanese militiamen of the headquarters of the U.N. peace-making force in South Lebanon and called on the president of the Security Council, Ambassador Ole Algard of Norway, to discuss what a U.N. spokesman described as the "most serious incident" so far directed against the U.N. complex at Naqoura.

The spokesman said the barrage, involving indiscriminate mortar, rocket and heavy machinegun fire which continued for several hours, wounded eight UNIFIL soldiers six from the Irish unit and two from the Dutch unit.

All the headquarters buildings, as well as many vehicles, were heavily damaged.

Regional Briefs

April 19 (R) — An Israeli military delegation led by Gen. Amir arrived here today to prepare for the visit of Minister Ezer Weizman, the official Middle East News office. It said Gen. Weizman was expected next week on an Israeli Radio report saying he was due on Sunday for talks with Gen. Kamal Hassan Ali, his Egyptian counterpart. Gen. Weizman's visit was scheduled for last Sunday postponed, officially because of Jewish festivals. The instruments of ratification on the peace treaty has been from Sunday until Wednesday. Sunday coincides with Christian Easter.

April 19 (R) — Egyptian Defence Minister Kamal Hassan today for Mogadishu and Djibouti on a three-day interview with Cairo Radio Gen. Ali said Egypt would, if asked, to give assistance to any Arab country. He said Egypt's commitment to help African countries and African movements continues without change. Gen. Ali said between Egypt and Israel did not mean the start of laxation or detente. On the contrary, studies were to introduce military training as part of university next year, he said.

April 19 (R) — Sultan Qaboos of Oman was quoted today that there were no foreign troops in his country. President Abdul Fattah Ismail of South Yemen said had sent about 8,000 troops to replace Iranian soldiers pulled out by the new revolutionary government in shah had sent troops to Oman to help crush a South shah insurgency in the country. "There are no foreign troops in the Sultanate and at present there is no intention any," the Sultan told the Arabic language news. The Sultan also said the Omani forces were fully protecting the country from any external threat.

D JERUSALEM, April 19 (R) — Residents of Arab al-Salfit on the occupied West Bank of Jordan today said they were disturbed that about 750 acres (300 f land) were to be expropriated by the government. The issue Jerusalem Post quoted sources in the West as an command as saying the move was ordered by the some months ago and the villagers had been few days ago. Government officials were not available. The land lies between Salfit and the new Jewish of Ariel, between Ramallah and Nablus. The expropriation has frequently caused unrest in the occupied ter-

April 19 (R) — About 500 Moroccan teachers and health workers have been dismissed and some 130 are to be tried in recent strikes, a spokesman for the Democratic confederation (CDT) said yesterday. Despite government that strikers would not be paid and strike would be dismissed, the CDT called out 68,000 teachers than 11,000 health service employees on a 48-hour strike last week, mainly for higher pay. Independent estimated that about 70 per cent of the workers came out

April 19 (R) — President Elias Sarkis today received Minister of State David Andrews. Mr. Andrews, who also in Minister Fuad Butros, told reporters he had come to see the Irish contingent in the U.N. Interim Force in UNIFIL. He said his country supported the territorial and independence of Lebanon.

April 19 (R) — Kuwait and Senegal have called for withdrawal from all occupied Arab lands, including Jerusalem, to make possible a just and permanent peace in the East. The demand came in a communique issued at the end of a two-day official visit by Senegalese Prime Minister Diouf. Mr. Diouf later arrived in Saudi Arabia to Holy Muslim cities of Mecca and Medina. Senegalese Leopold Sedar Senghor is to make a state visit to this month.

Khomeini calls for purge of revolutionary committees

TEHRAN, April 19 (R) — Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, unofficial head of state, called today for a purge of revolution-makers from the revolutionary committees which have wielded law and order authority since the Shah was ousted two months ago.

According to the national "Voice of the Revolution" radio, Ayatollah Khomeini told the heads of the 14 revolutionary committees in Tehran that they would continue to operate until full governmental authority was established in Iran.

His statement appeared to be aimed at easing a tug-of-war between the committees and the provisional government of Dr. Mehdi Bazargan over who should control post-revolutionary Iran.

Ayatollah Khomeini accused enemies of Iran of fomenting unrest and "even creating differences and disputes among religious leaders to reach their goals."

"A group with a mission from America is preventing peace in the

country," the Ayatollah declared.

Ayatollah Khomeini, the unifying force behind the anti-Shah uprising, has several times accused U.S.-backed elements of working against the revolutionary authorities.

His call for a purge in the committees and his charge that seditionists were fomenting disputes between religious chiefs followed an apparent rift between himself and the top Shi'ite Muslim leader in Tehran, Ayatollah Mahmoud Taleghani.

The two men had talks last night in the holy city of Qom and the national radio today described the meeting as fruitful.

Ayatollah Taleghani, surfacing after several days in hiding to protest against "abuse of power", also held talks with other Shi'ite personalities in Qom today, the radio said.

The talks took place at the house of Ayatollah Khomeini's son, Ahmad. This appeared to be a further indication that any rift between the two religious leaders was on the mend.

Justice Minister Assadollah Mobasheri told the Kayhan newspaper today that the Ayatollah would soon announce a general amnesty. He gave no details, but said "people whose hands are tainted with blood" would not be covered by the amnesty—apparently meaning that arbitrary arrests of anyone else associated with the Shah's regime would not be halted.

Newspapers today reported four more executions—two in the western town of Malayer, one in Hamadan and one in Isfahan—bringing the total number executed after sentencing by Islamic revolutionary courts to 142 in two months.

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National News Roundup...

U.S. congressman, youth delegation meet Prince Hassan, NCC president

AMMAN, April 19 (JNA)—Visiting U.S. Congressman Clarence Long and a group of representatives of U.S. political groups for youth now on a tour of the Middle East called on National Consultative Council (NCC) President Ahmad Lawzi today to discuss Middle East developments and Jordan's position on the separate Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty. During separate meetings Mr. Lawzi also briefed the visitors on the duties of NCC and various economic and social achievements in Jordan. Mr. Long was yesterday received by Crown Prince Hassan with whom he discussed latest political developments in the Middle East region and reviewed Jordan's development projects.

ICAO official meets Civil Aviation director

AMMAN, April 19 (JNA)—The visiting director of the technical assistance bureau of the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) Jack Vivian held talks here today with the Director General of the Civil Aviation Directorate, Mr. Sharif Ghazi Rakan, on the organisation's technical aid to the directorate. The aid included in ICAO's assistance programme, which runs until 1981, provides for supplying the directorate's technical institute with equipment and expertise to train personnel in air traffic control operations, maintenance of machinery and equipment and operating the Queen Alia International Airport. Later Mr. Vivian was taken on a tour of Amman airport's new control tower which is due to be opened in June.

AOAS decides on measures for transfer of HQ to Amman

AMMAN, April 19 (JNA)—The Arab Organisation for Administrative Science (AOAS) ended a two-day meeting here today with an agreement on measures to enforce its decision to move its headquarters out of Cairo.

The fourteen Arab delegates decided at their session yesterday to suspend Egypt's membership in the organisation and to transfer its headquarters from Cairo to Amman. AOAS Director General Abdullah Al Zu'bi said at the end of today's closing session.

The delegates decided that the organisation's funds, documents and other assets shall now be considered the property of the new legal administration established here. They entrusted the organisation's director general with the task of taking legal steps to transfer AOAS funds deposited in Cairo banks to Amman, Dr. Zu'bi said.

In addition, the directorate general of the organisation was empowered to dismiss employees who fail to take up their posts at the new headquarters, and to

undertake other necessary measures and legal steps to deal with problems arising in the course of transferring the headquarters to Amman, Dr. Zu'bi added.

He said the delegates also earmarked \$550,000 from contributions due from member states to finance the transfer of the headquarters to the Jordanian capital, empowered the director general to use the funds for this purpose and asked him to report on progress to the next AOAS general meeting.

The delegates appealed to Arab member states to give due consideration to the current difficult circumstances the organisation is passing through and its dire need for funds to carry out its mission, Dr. Zu'bi said.

Taking part in the two-day meeting were delegates from Jordan, Syria, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Libya, Iraq, the Yemen Arab Republic, Morocco, Bahrain, Palestine, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Lebanon and Tunisia.

First officers elected by Arab Railways Union

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN, April 19 — Ministry of Transportation under-secretary Hashem Taher was elected chairman of the board of the newly formed Arab Railways Union here today during the first meeting of the union's board.

Lebanese engineer Mr. Adel Hamieh was elected vice-chairman, and Syrian engineer, Mr. Zafer Attar, was chosen as secretary general of the union.

The purpose of the union is to

coordinate and promote the interests of different railways in the Arab world, Mr. Taher told the union. Secretary General Taher assigned the task of regulations and recommendations to be submitted to the board at a meeting to be held in November. He will also be in charge of the next year's budget for the union. The board consists of representatives from Syria, Iraq, Libya, Morocco, Lebanon and

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

On Amman traffic

Dear Sir,

We have read with considerable interest the article by Rami G. Khouri entitled "Three Cheers for Father" appeared in the April 4 edition of the Jordan Times. We are in accord with the accolades that Mr. Khouri heaps upon the colonel and his crew of traffic policemen. There is no question that their work has produced real and, hopefully, lasting improvements in the traffic conditions in Amman.

However, we, as frequent travellers to the airport, are that 10-minute trip from Jaba' Amman to the airport now downtown at the height of the rush hour with considerable delay. There are two explanations that come to my mind.

1. Mr. Khouri could have been riding full throttle on the elaborate, oversized white Honda 750 or motorcycle. 2. He was able to emulate Pegasus and fly with him over all mortal obstructions.

The comment concerning the 750-cc Honda is based on the fact that traffic policemen are rarely called upon to assume a mission that requires that much of a vehicle. We have also seen that a few of the vehicles either have been out of the (silencers) or they have been removed deliberately from the roar on top of the loudspeaker scream to scare the motorists even more.

We have been interested observers of the increased activity of Colonel Fathi Abu Saoud and his personnel since they were noticed increased enforcement activities and, as noted, heartily applauded the result of such activities. We believe that the most difficult task lies ahead—that is driver behaviour. Average Amman driver believes that he/she has been granted privilege of driving or parking as he/she wishes by some power and that traffic rules, regulations and ordinances apply to all other drivers. This includes a total disregard for traffic signs or signals.

The impatience of Amman drivers and the traffic rules never more starkly illustrated than the fatal and major accident involving Major General Ghazi Arabiat and his people. It is ironic that the general himself picked the clear up the traffic mess in Amman.

We have also noted that the colonel's men must coordinate a number of discussion and argument during the of writing out a fine or trying to get an illegally parked car. We see no reason why they have to put up with this. A good nearest police station would solve the problem here.

We have need to travel quite frequently on Al-Fatih Ali Street (Mukhabarat Street), and it is our constant complaint that there are at least 200 violations daily at the signals out from the Third Circle. This includes all vehicle taxis, services, school buses, trucks, private, diplomatic, military, and an occasional traffic policeman. It is for intersection appear to be well synchronised and well-timed but the very impatient Amman drivers cannot even the slightest delay. This intersection would be a real test for an energetic traffic policeman, but it would take several to slow down the stream of violations, at least for a few days. However the intersection is apparently "off limit" then.

Again we must emphasise that we believe the work of one Fathi and his men is terrific and wish them even more in the future. We do not however, feel competent enough with Mr. Khouri on the remainder of his article.

P.O. Box 2288

Amman

April 16, 1979

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'Criminal ignorance'

Dear Editor,

I am sitting here watching a gang of workmen building a new fuel farm at the airport at Marka, hurling bags of empty cement bags over the fence. No doubt the foreman the site kept tidy as the work proceeds, but why have we to be faced with a mountain of rubbish, in the streets and as a result of their criminal ignorance?

I repeat criminal ignorance. They are working within boundaries of an international airport and there will be cement bags floating around as soon as we get a draft of air they realise what an empty cement bag can do to a jet.

I am quite happy to pay the man who collects by rubbish cannot understand why the Amman cleaning department contractors to cover the area around where they are would all their unwanted rubbish, and not get us recompense for ing up after them.

I would be obliged if you could pass on my comments to the departments concerned. I am certain the Director of Civil Aviation would be interested and concerned about the contractors employed on and around the international airport.

Yours faithfully

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Amman

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LET NO ONE mistake recent events in South Lebanon for anything other than what they are: the beginning of a concerted effort by the Israelis to create trouble on their northern and eastern borders in setting the stage for more drastic measures to come. It is a development that has been awaited for some time, following Israel's successful neutralisation of its western flank with Egypt. For the renewed bloodshed in South Lebanon, and for the threat of increased tension along Israel's borders with Syria and Jordan, we have no one to thank but President Sadat.

The renegade Major Saad Haddad is, and long has been, an Israeli tool. It took only Lebanon's understandable attempt to re-assert its national sovereignty in the south, four years after the outbreak of the Lebanese civil war and a year after the Israeli invasion, to provide the renegade and his Israeli masters with a pretext for action.

Of course his ridiculous proclamation of a "free" zone in the south is an absurd fabrication. But the area is bound to become a tragic testing ground for Israel's grand design of extinguishing the Palestinian "threat" inside and outside her borders. It will not be in southern Lebanon alone that this campaign is likely to be waged.

It is tragic and treacherous that renegade Arabs like Haddad and Sadat should lend their services to Israel's diabolical strategy. It has been argued that Israel is like an amoebic organism, taking on new shapes as it gobbles up the people and territory within its reach. Retracting now on the west (if that is what it is doing), this slippery organism has a biological need to expand elsewhere. Its appetite is undiminished — indeed, if anything, it is fortified by the release of pressure on one of its extremities. Lebanon is the weakest and most defenceless of the potentially hostile organisms from which Israel can feed. The rest of us must reinforce our defensive mechanisms for we, undoubtedly, are the next course on the menu.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

JORDANIAN PAPERS Thursday attack Lebanese militia leader Maj. Saad Haddad for proclaiming what they describe as a "statelet" in south Lebanon.

AL RA'i says the proclamation of the statelet was a farce which displayed "the picture of cantons Israel wants to create around it now that Sinai has become neutralised."

"Realising that the Lebanese authority is too weak to confront Saad Haddad in south Lebanon, as well as Pierre Gemayel and Camille Chamoun in Beirut, Israel has declared the independence of the belt along the southern Lebanese frontier to prove not only the weakness of the Lebanese authority, but the inability of the U.N. to implement Security Council resolutions 425, 426, 444, 181, 194, 242, and 338 as well." "Although Haddad's state was stillborn, the process of birth by itself reveals the incapacity of the Arabs to handle basic issues relating to the unity of the nation, and its sovereignty over all the Arab world," the paper says.

The proclamation of the canton as a new ghetto in the Arab world is considered a "flagrant challenge for the Arab conscience and a test for the preparedness of the Arab nation to shoulder its national responsibilities in this bad phase of its contemporary history." AL RA'i says. In conclusion the paper says: "It is our national duty to uphold this phenomenon (the Saad Haddad state) before it gets fully established, and before Lebanon and other (Arab territories) turn into Zionist experimental plantations."

Commenting on the same subject, AL DUSTOUR says: "The establishment of the Saad Haddad state in southern Lebanon is aimed at achieving the following purposes:

"First, punishing the Lebanese government for committing itself to the Baghdad resolutions. Such a punishment offers Lebanon only two options: either to accept the Camp David agreements, and quit the Arab nation—in which case there will be no need (for Israel) to support the establishment of the Saad Haddad mini-state—or face up to the problem of regaining the territory which Israel has swallowed vicariously through its lackey.

"Second, exerting pressure on Syria by deploying (Israeli troops) in the territories which have been swallowed up.

"Third, picking quarrel with the Arab states which reject the Camp David agreements.

"Fourth, creating an urgent issue in the Arab World which would take priority over the separate Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty.

"The Haddad mini-state," the paper adds, represents "a new Israeli expansion linked with the conspiracy to liquidate the Arab cause."

"Washington should remember that what is going on in southern Lebanon will not discourage the Arabs who reject capitulation," the paper says.

"Washington will not be in a position where it can escape responsibility if it does not take steps to deter Israel, so that the lawful Lebanese authorities can restore their sovereignty over their border area," the newspaper adds.

The events in southern Lebanon "constitute an Israeli blow to stability in the area with the objective of impeding the required equitable peace," AL DUSTOUR says.

"Will the Arabs hasten to build up their indigenous strength, or will they content themselves with protests, condemnations and resolutions?" the paper asks.

11th group of security forces graduate

AMMAN, April 19 (JNA)—The eleventh group of the special security and protection forces graduated here today. Among the graduates were officers from the Qatari and Yemen Arab Republic armed forces. Attending the graduation ceremony were the Yemeni Ambassador and several high-ranking Jordanian army officers.

Faculty of Agriculture experiments with poultry battery cage systems

By Lee S. Tesdell
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The Faculty of Agriculture at the University of Jordan is researching new techniques for the poultry industry which farmers in Jordan can adopt.

The faculty's poultry farm has been using a battery cage system for some of its layers for several months. A battery cage system consists of tiers of cages; one obvious advantage is that a three-tier system, for instance, could triple bird density per square metre of floor area.

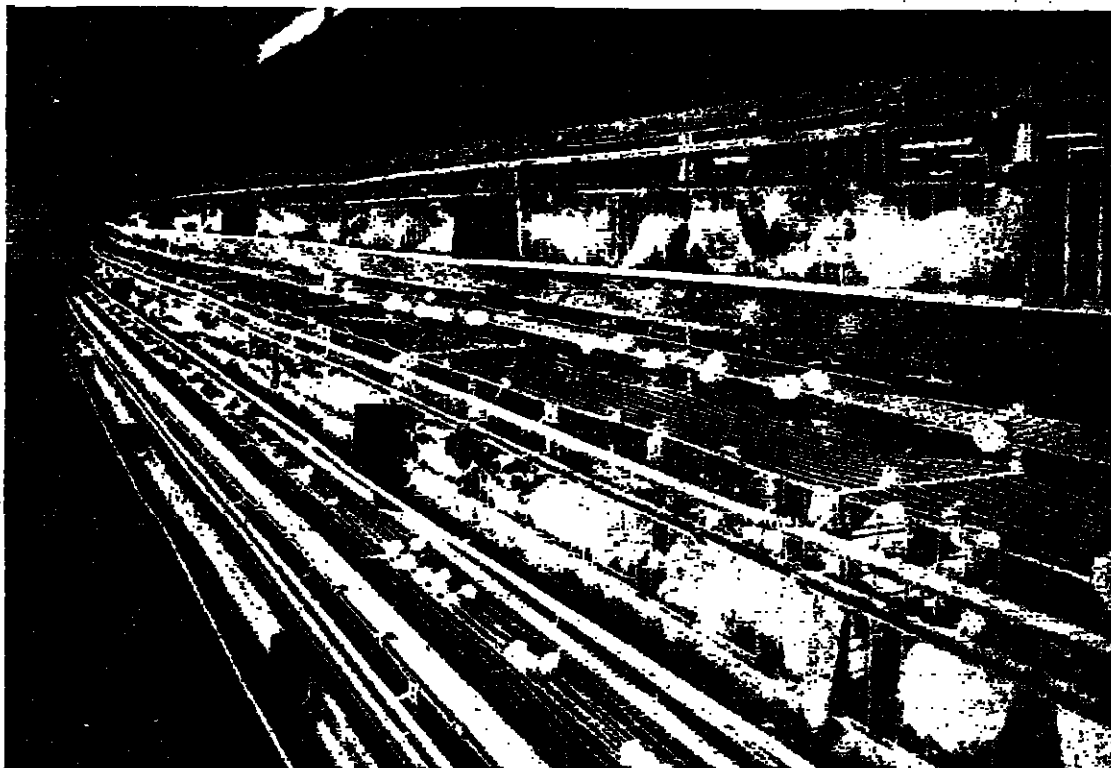
Members of the faculty think they could assist farmers in the conversion of present facilities to battery cage systems. If the farmer is interested in converting — or more to the point, if he has sufficient capital to do so — the faculty members can offer advice.

Those involved among the staff are Dr. Ahmad Faqih, Dr. Shakiy Abdul Rahin and Mr. George Goddard. Dr. Talal Nasser handles the related area of disease control at the Ministry of Agriculture. "The university should play a role in helping to develop conversion systems," Mr. Goddard told the Jordan Times this week.

Layer cages have some advantages over the usual system of deep litter management; more birds can be housed on the same floor space, less labour is needed, better flock control is possible, parasites are more easily controlled and no litter is necessary.

On the other hand, cage systems are expensive, they require a higher level of management skill, cracked eggs may occur more frequently, contagious diseases may spread more easily, flies and odour may increase and the birds have to be debeaked.

Cage systems designs vary greatly. They can include automatic watering and feeding, egg collection and manure removal. A typical cage can house three to four light birds or up to six with complete environmental control in the house. Mr. Jack Khayat, a leading poultry producer is now using an advanced environ-



There are 1,600 birds in the University's cage system. For research purposes this is fine, but commercially speaking, a farmer would have to use his building space more efficiently. The birds are

debeaked at an early age. Normal laying age is 50 to 70 weeks and induced moulting (losing feathers) may produce another 50 weeks maximum. Layers begin production at about 20-22 weeks of age.

mentally controlled system, and is reportedly happy with it.

Battery cages can be used for various stages of rearing, from the day-old chick stage to laying age. Both metal and plastic cages are used. There are a total of about 15 cage systems in use in Jordan. The typical farmer may not, however, be able to invest in such a system.

The farmer who considers installing a cage system must take into consideration the following: Is the housing system suitable for cages? Is the management skill available to run the system properly? Will it be economic?

For conversion, Mr. Goddard said the "optimum system in Jordan would appear to be stepped cages". The final decision by a farmer must be made on the basis of quality of materials, management availability and cost of systems. "The cheapest system may not necessarily be the best",

he added.

The faculty are now training students in cage management and conducting research into economic stocking density and feeding systems, ration calculation and optimum economic performance. Although the faculty as such is not primarily involved in agricultural extension work, they are willing to help with specific requests from farmers.

"There are two poultry management courses and one on poultry diseases in the animal production and protection degree course", and students, "come out to the farm and do the practical work", Mr. Goddard said.

Data used in research is based on daily observation. Egg production, egg weight, feed consumption and mortality are all measured.

Future expansion of the faculty's activities in the poultry field include building an environmental control complex for research into egg production. Mr. Goddard told the Jordan Times that, "this is a joint development project between the University of Jordan and the British Ministry of Overseas Development (O.D.M.)."

Strangely enough, in a controlled environment chicken house in Jordan more heat conservation is necessary than cooling. There are six months of the

year in which "you need to conserve heat", says Goddard. The optimum temperature for laying chickens is between 20-25 degrees centigrade. There is a question as to the practicality of controlled environment houses in Jordan, which research will help to decide.

Another important question for the industry is the advisability of increasing egg production in Jordan. At present, those involved say that Jordan is self-sufficient in eggs. At the same time, per bird production efficiency could be attained with either cage systems or controlled environment houses.

"The biggest problem with cage systems is experience with suitable management techniques", Mr. Goddard advised. This should be the domain of the university, to provide the necessary training to enable farmers in Jordan to choose a cage system.

Controlled environment houses have a serious drawback in that they require water for the evaporative cooling process. As we know water is expensive in Jordan.

Whatever the poultry farmer in Jordan chooses to do, the necessary training capabilities and technical know how exists at the Faculty of Agriculture. Farmers would do well to keep informed of the research which is being conducted locally. It may pay to do so.



The birds drink from small nipples which when pushed, release drops of water. Feed is mixed at the University facility, the ingredients except for limestone, are imported. (Photos by Lee S. Tesdell)

WHAT'S GOING ON

Geographic Exhibit

The French Cultural Centre is displaying an exhibition of maps and topographical equipment organised by the Jordan National Geographic Centre and the French Mapping Group. The exhibit is open during regular hours.

Art Exhibit

The Dept. of Culture and Arts presents an exhibition of paintings by the fine arts students of the Centre for Music and Fine Arts at the Art Gallery, Ministry of Culture and Youth. Open during regular hours.

French Film

The French Cultural Centre presents a film by Denys de la Patelliere entitled "Le voyage du pere" at 7:30 p.m. The film is subtitled in Arabic.

Documentary Film

The Soviet Cultural Centre presents a film about Lenin to commemorate his 109th birthday at 6:00 p.m.

Easter Party

The YWCA is holding an Easter egg hunt party for children aged four to eight at 10:30 a.m.

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UMN is a weekly listing, without charge, of events in Amman and other parts of Jordan which the public is interested in knowing about or participating in. Published Friday edition of this paper, the listing covers seven days from Friday morning and ending the following morning. Events included are cultural activities (concerts, art exhibits, etc.); cultural centre films, cine club activities; excursions of historical or archaeological interest; club activities that are open to the public or are not exclusive membership.

Events listed in Jordan Weekly Calendar will also be listed in "Going On" on the day of the event. This listing is charge. Events listed in this column are intended to contact the Jordan Times, or send descriptive material (preferably by hand), during the previous week until noon. Photographs and art work are also welcome.

(Week of April 20 - 26)

EXHIBITIONS

CG: The French Cultural Centre is displaying maps of the Middle East and measuring equipment. The exhibition has been organized by the Jordan National Geographic Centre in cooperation with the French Mapping Group. The exhibit can be seen during regular hours until April 30.

THEATRE
April 26: The British Council presents the London Group who will perform scenes from "Hamlet" and "A Midsummer Night's Dream" at the Jordan Theatre at 8:00 p.m. A morning session is also scheduled for the benefit of English literature students. Schools interested in having their students perform should contact the British Council for details.

FILMS

April 20: The French Cultural Centre presents a film by Patrice Leconte entitled "Le voyage du pere" (1966), directed by Lilli Palmer, Laurent Terzieff, Madeleine Renaud and Philippe Noiret. The film is in French with Arabic subtitles, and starts at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, same time.

April 24: The Goethe Institute presents a film entitled "The Goethe Institute" (1971) directed by Eberhard Fechner and Christian Blech, Cordula Trantow and Hans-Joachim Wenzel. The film is subtitled in English, and 0 p.m.

April 26: The Soviet Cultural Centre presents a film entitled "They Fought for Their Country" (1971) directed by Sergei Bondarchuk. The film starts at 6:00 p.m.

LECTURE

April 23: The British Council presents a lecture by Dr. Edwin Schick, annual professor at the "Ancient Corinth: a Meeting of East and West". Dr. Schick will tell about archaeological work at this site in Greece.

EASTER PARTY

April 20: The YWCA is holding an Easter egg hunt in the city site in Greece.

First joint Syria, Jordan dig at Busra

Special to the Jordan Times.

DAMASCUS, April 19—The first joint Jordanian-Syrian archaeological expedition in Syria to excavate the Nabataean levels of Busra -- has been announced by Dr. Afif Bahnassi, Director of Syrian Museums and Antiquities. The mission, which will begin excavation in July, will be made up of an equal number of Syrian and Jordanian archaeologists jointly directed by Dr. Sulaiman Moghadd, Director of the Busra Department of Antiquities, and Dr. Fawzi Ziyadine, a former excavator of Petra and a specialist in Nabataean archaeology.

The excellent exchange of information between members of the Syrian and Jordanian departments over the past years has resulted in the first joint expedition to continue research of Nabataean remains at Busra, Dr. Bahnassi said.

Five years ago the Syrian Department of Antiquities launched a year-long effort to uncover remains and clean and restore archaeological ruins in Busra.

The Syrian-Jordanian project is regarded as the first cooperative effort between Arab states in the field of archaeology in Syria. According to Dr. Bahnassi the Antiquities Department will encourage further pan-Arab research in Syria.

Coming & Going

S. Australian minister leaves

AMMAN, April 19 (JNA) -- South Australian Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries Brian Chatterton left Amman today at the end of a six-day visit to Jordan. During his visit he met with Crown Prince Hassan, Prime Minister Mudar Badran and other government officials to discuss cooperation between South Australia and Jordan in the field of agriculture. The talks were followed yesterday with the announcement that South Australia will help Jordan set up a project for the production of fodder in rain-fed regions.

UAE chief Islamic justice to visit
AMMAN, April 19 (JNA) -- The Islamic chief justice of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) Sheikh Ahmed Ibn Abdul Aziz Mubarak, is due here on Sunday at the head of a delegation for a visit to Jordan to last six days.

Austrian army's chief inspector arrives
AMMAN, April 19 (JT) -- Chief inspector of the Austrian Army Maj. Gen. Hubert Winkelbauer arrived here today from Damascus for a brief visit to Jordan. Maj. Gen. Winkelbauer is on a tour of the Middle East to inspect Austrian troops in the U.N. peace-keeping force on the Golan Heights and in Cyprus and Austrian U.N. truce observers in Jerusalem.

A Syrian family's success story: enterprise and faith in agriculture

By Pat McDonnell
Special to the Jordan Times

DAMASCUS—For more than four decades the Challah family name has been synonymous with agro-economics in Syria. The family's success story is based on initiative, far-sightedness and hard work.

In 1933, Salim Challah and his sons, Badreddin, Chafik, Rachad and Anwar, opened the first canning factory in the Middle East in Damascus. However, the story began long before that.

Badreddin Challah, 73, who has been the president of the Damascus Chamber of Commerce since 1972, recalls his first experiences in marketing farm produce at the age of 13.

His father, Salim, was a Damascus businessman with a small farm directly adjacent to the present parliament building in Damascus. Each season, Salim imported trainloads of melons to Damascus from Toulkarm, Palestine. In 1930, at the age of 13, Badreddin bought and transported melons by rail, but on one occasion, the fourth such trainload was diverted because of a revolution by the people of Hama in southern Syria. The barefoot youth wasn't about to lose his trainload of melons and he rode with them to Beirut and from there delivered them to Damascus by truck.

Salim Challah early instilled a sense of business ethics and pride in his sons. Badreddin recalls an incident when he and brother Chafik were teenagers. The two were carefully packing all grades of apricots into crates for export. When their father observed this, he made them repeat several hours of work by extracting all the inferior fruits with the strong admonition: "It took me several years to build a reputation that all Challah products are superior and you two aren't going to undo the efforts of years in one morning of incompetence."

The lesson stuck and even today, 14 years after the Challah cannery stopped operating under the family name, when Damascus refers to the finest grade jam one can buy, they call it Challah jam.

Family enterprises continued much the same until 1928 when Badreddin's brother, Anwar, an agricultural student at the American University of Beirut, observed for the first time peaches preserved in glass jars.

Anwar and his brothers quickly set to learning the secrets of the process. They bought a pressure cooker and experimented with canning stuffed grape leaves in vacuum-packed jars. With each successive experiment, they drew enthusiastic supporters and by 1933, they established a corporation for a canning factory with their father.

"The corporation was made up of 50,000 shares, we only sold 12,000 shares, but we were in business," Badreddin recalled.

The jams, grapeleaves and okra which the Challahs initially canned soon were marketed throughout the Middle East.

Shortly after, Salim Challah established his own canning factory and an apricot paste factory in the Ghouta area of Damascus. The long sheets of apricot paste (gamereddin) traditionally were squeezed and pressed by hand, but Salim imported machines and improved sales when he added sulphur as a colourant and preservative.

Although the Challah canning factory was nationalised in 1965, the apricot paste factory still thrives under the family name. The sheets of apricot paste are chiefly exported to Arab countries, however, a by-product, the bitter apricot kernels, are cracked and exported to Europe. This factory is overseen by Badreddin's son, Ghassan.

Throughout the canning venture, the Challahs used to bid for fruit crops at auctions. "We virtually bought the produce of all other farmers in advance, picked the crops and canned them," explained Badreddin.

In 1934, acreage was purchased in the Germana region of Damascus which has since been liquidated. In 1941, the family purchased land in Qamishli for wheat and corn.

Badreddin's pride and joy is the 70,000 square metres of farmland that he and his brother Chafik purchased in 1954 at Zabadani, some 40 kilometres west of Damascus.

The Zabadani acreage became an ideal, experimental farm, where the latest agricultural techniques were tried on Syrian soil.

Even at 73, Badreddin visits the farm weekly from Thursday to Saturday. He maintains a farmer's regimen in the city and rises each day at 6 a.m. to be at his offices by 7 o'clock.

At the much more vigorous age of 48, he was ready to gamble and experiment with each new-fangled method of cultivation, irrigation and variety of fruits he read about in foreign journals.

Prior to 1954, the suqari apple was prevalent in Syria, but it was quickly replaced on a commercial scale when Badreddin started growing Golden Delicious and Red Delicious apples at Zabadani.

Soon after, he brought a new variety of apricot from California which is a cross between the Tilton and Belheim.

"This has become known in Syria as Amerikiyeh mish-mish," he said. "It's fine for produce, but we've continued to grow traditional Syrian apricots for our paste, because the latter is juicier and better suited to this product."

Another experiment, which did not catch on commercially, was the French Du Shays pear which weighs as much as 1,050 grams.

"The problem with the Du Shays pear is that it is so large, the tree can't bear enough fruit to make it a practical endeavor," he said.

Badreddin was the first Syrian farmer to dispense with the traditional irrigation system of watering from a tank transported by a truck in favour of spraying water from pipes stemming from a centralised source.

He was the first to use insecticides in 1951. This has since evolved into a sophisticated foliar spray fertilizer and insecticide system.

His son, Salim, who holds a Ph.D. in agricultural economics from Oklahoma State University explains: "Instead of spreading fertilizer around the roots of the tree in the conventional manner, water, fertilizer and insecticides are sprayed on the leaves from a central spraying system. Not only do we save on labour, but we avoid weeds because the soil isn't fertilized, instead, the leaves absorb the nutrients directly."

The most recent development at the experimental Zabadani farm is to plant trees 90 centimetres apart. "In the past, each tree had an eight-metre span, now they're planted vertically like a vineyard, and we get a double return," Salim said.

While Badreddin's son, Salim, along with his cousin Rafik, over-

see the Zabadani farm, his son Ghassan manages the apricot paste factory, another son, Mohammad, handles governmental relations, and Badreddin's eldest son, Dr. Ratab, with his cousin, Dr. Muwaffak, are in charge of export-public relations.

Badreddin Challah does not believe in imports--his lifelong career has been geared to promoting exports and thereby bringing foreign currency into Syria.

The Challahs work together and live together--harmoniously. In 1947, Badreddin and his partner-brother Chafik constructed a large apartment building in Damascus in which the two brothers and seven of their sons and their families live.

In his capacity as director of the Damascus Chamber of Commerce and Union of Syrian Chambers of Commerce, Badreddin has travelled throughout the world--he obtained 20 visas in 1978 alone--and has attended conferences in every continent except Australia and Latin America.

He regularly contributes articles to Damascus newspapers--the

first was an editorial in 1955 advising the government to take steps to halt immigration from villages by establishing rural schools and services. His latest newspaper feature, dated March 17, 1979, argues for the preservation of the old Turkish baths of Damascus. Preoccupation with agribusiness has not precluded an interest in philanthropic projects including orphanages, hospitals, schools and mosques which have been financed and supported by the family.

"Whenever people ask my age, I certainly don't admit to being 73," Badreddin said, "that would sound as if I were full of wisdom. I tell them I'm 16 and learning something new every day."

Badreddin is optimistic about the economic growth of Syria. "The future of the Arab people lies in the development of Syria. This will be achieved through four factors: the reclamation of agricultural lands through irrigation from the Tabqa Dam; new technology; utilisation of raw materials; and the initiative of the individual Syrian."

"I maintain that each single Syrian is equivalent in potential

value to one oil well," he said emphatically.

"We Syrians must improvise on new farming methods developed throughout the world. By the year 2000, the world population will have doubled. Mechanised agriculture--not petroleum nor industry--will be the crucial factor. People must be fed."

How does he feel about his canning industry and much of his farmlands being nationalised?

"It gave me more impetus to work harder," he replied. "With the advent of President Assad, Syria gained stability and with it we were encouraged to have confidence in the government and invest in the future of Syria."

His advice to younger generations is: "If you own land, don't sell it or leave it. Agriculture is the backbone of all growth and wealth. Land is the best investment, it can't be burned and even if it's flooded, it's more fertile and worth more money."

"Take a seedling poplar tree that weighs 10 grams. It grows vertically, it doesn't take much space, but in 10 years it weighs 100 kilograms -- 10,000 times its original weight. Where else can you get a higher return?"



Syrian agricultural pioneer, Badreddin Challah, with his sons (from left) Salim, manager of the family's farm at Zabadani; Ghassan, manager of the Ghouta apricot factory; and Mohammad, director of government relations.

AMMAN STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT

NAME OF COMPANY	Par Value	Volume Traded	Last Buying Offer	Last Selling Offer	Closing Price
Jordan Petroleum Co.	JD 5,000	2,406	6,750	6,760	6,760
Jordan Cement Factories	JD 10,000	141	14,100	14,200	14,100
Arab Pharmaceutical Co.	JD 5,000	1,125	22,300	—	22,500
Jordan-Kuwait Bank	JD 1,000	19,171	1,470	1,500	1,470
General Mining Co.	JD 1,000	184	0,910	0,920	0,920
Jordan Electricity Co.	JD 1,000	1,866	1,420	1,430	1,430
Jordan Ceramic Industries	JD 1,000	267	0,880	0,890	0,890
Jordan Glass Factories	JD 1,000	69	—	0,690	0,690
Al Ezdihar Insurance Co.	JD 1,000	388	1,340	—	1,340
Jordan Bank	JD 5,000	4,440	—	7,480	7,400
Petra Bank	JD 10,000	9,000	—	—	11,250
Arab Bank	JD 10,000	140,400	—	—	90,000
The Arab International Hotels Co.	JD 1,000	680	0,680	—	0,680
Jordan Spinning & Weaving Co.	JD 10,000	248	0,700	0,710	0,710

Total volume traded, Thursday, April 19: JD 180,385
Total number of shares traded: 19,870

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	JD 5,000	154	30	1982	5,150
	JD 10,000	224	22	1987	10,200
	JD 10,000	774	75	1988	10,320

Total volume traded: JD 1,352
Total number of bonds traded: 167

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Hong Kong wins women's table tennis matches

EDINBURGH, April 19 (R)—Hong Kong followed up their victories in the men's and women's team events of the Commonwealth Table Tennis Championships here by winning both individual singles events last night. Vong Lu Veng beat England number three Jimmy Walker 21-16, 16-21, 21-17, 21-16 in the men's final and Hui So Hung defeated Carole Knight, also of England, 21-13, 21-14, 21-14 in the women's decider. The English pair were unable to match the Rapier-Sharp and fierce hitting of the Hong Kong stars. Walker raised English hopes when he won the second game against Vong, but the Hong Kong player always looked the more likely winner in the rest of the match. Hui, a quick-hitting pen-holder, controlled the women's final from start to finish against Knight, whom she beat in 30 minutes.

Israeli table tennis stars seek visas to N. Korea

TEL AVIV, April 19 (R)—Israel's two top table tennis players, Dror Pollak and Shlomo Mendelsohn, and coach Ze'ev Kraus left for Geneva Monday in the hope of obtaining entry visas to North Korea for the world championships in Pyongyang next week. North Korea announced recently that Israel would not be granted visas. The Israel Sports Federation, which tonight announced the surprise departure of the three men, has already protested against North Korea's discriminatory action to the table tennis federations of all western countries participating in the championships. An official protest was also sent to Mr. Roy Evans of Wales, President of the International Table Tennis Federation.

Bulgaria beats Czechoslovakia in soccer match

BOURGAS, Bulgaria, April 19 (R)—Bulgaria beat Czechoslovakia 1-0 here yesterday in an Olympic soccer qualifying match (halftime 0-0).

E. Germany downs Poland

LEIPZIG, East Germany, April 19, (R)—East Germany beat Poland 2-1 in a group four qualifying match for the European championships here today.

Strike affects N. American soccer clubs

NEW YORK, April 19 (R)—Five teams remain undefeated after the third week of the North American Soccer League (NASL)

season. The strike, called by the NASL players' association, largely fizzled as all 12 scheduled games were played during the weekend, though several clubs were greatly affected. Hardest hit were the Fort Lauderdale strikers in their match against Washington. Five regulars augmented by a dozen local amateurs played for the side, who lost 4-0. The union, which called the strike in an effort to force the league to grant it recognition, said that 143 of the 480 players on the 24 teams refused to play. Most of the strikers were Americans or Canadians, many foreign players who at first voted to support the strike changed their minds, probably because of the possibility of deportation if they joined it.

There were conflicting statements, however, on this aspect of the situation. The defending champion New York Cosmos' wide galaxy of international stars voted 20-2 to support the walkout three days before the Saturday deadline, but only the team's six North Americans did not play. The association has been recognised by the National Labour Relations Board, but not by the league, who base their reluctance on the fact that many teams are not firmly established financially. Association Executive Director Ed Garvey has indicated his union wants eventually to bargain with the league as a whole, not with individual teams. But club owners fear this would be ruinous.

Greece beats Italy in qualifying match

YANNINA, Greece, April 19 (R)—Greece beat Italy 1-0 in an Olympic soccer qualifying match played here today.

Nottingham Forest draws with Manchester United

LONDON, April 19 (R)—A goal by million-pound striker Trevor Francis three minutes from time last night saved Nottingham Forest's two-year unbeaten home run in the First Division of the English Football League. Manchester United, finalists in the English Football Association Cup, seemed likely to inflict Forest's first home league defeat in 41 games when Joe Jordan gave them

lead in the 47th minute and they hung on to it until approaching the end of the match. But Forest's late goal from Francis, who has been criticised for recent poor displays, made it a 1-1 draw. The Nottingham club's failure to win lessened their already slim chance of overtaking league leaders Liverpool, whom they trail by six points.

Seattle squeezes past Los Angeles in NBA playoffs

NEW YORK, April 19 (AP)—As if the Los Angeles Lakers aren't in enough trouble, Seattle's John Johnson had to rub it in. "Gus (Williams) really gets keyed up when he goes down there (Los Angeles)," Johnson said Wednesday night after Williams led the Supersonics to a wild 108-103 overtime victory over the Lakers in the National Basketball Association playoff series.

The triumph before 26,862 Kingdome fans, the Sonics' largest crowd this season, gave Seattle a 2-0 lead in the best-of-seven Western Conference semifinals series.

Wednesday night's game was one each team thought it had wrapped up in the final, frantic minutes of the fourth quarter. The Lakers trailed 93-85 with 2:15 left to play, then gained a 93-93 tie with 52 seconds left on Adrian Dantley's basket off a steal. The Sonics came down court and Los Angeles rebounded Johnson's missed shot. The Lakers worked the ball around the perimeter before Norm Nixon canned an 18-footer with 10 seconds left for a 95-93 advantage. To Williams who passed it to Sikma. Sikma's 15-footer was blocked by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar with three seconds left, but Johnson's 18-footer at the buzzer sent the game into overtime.

Baseball roundup

NEW YORK, April 19 (AP)—Paul Molitor and Sal Bando slugged consecutive home runs in the seventh inning to back Lwy Sorensen's eight-hitter and the Milwaukee Brewers routed Boston 4-1 Wednesday.

Elsewhere in the American League, Rob Carew smacked four hits, drove in two runs and scored three times against his former teammates as California downed the Minnesota Twins 11-6. Don Baylor and Willie Mays Aikens also drove in two runs apiece for the Angels.

Gary Alexander smacked a three-run homer in the seventh inning off Texas reliever Sparky Lyle and the Cleveland Indians ended a long victory drought against the Rangers with a 6-4 win. Cleveland had lost its previous 13 games against Texas. Greg Pryor drove in four runs with three hits as the Chicago White Sox clobbered Toronto 12-5. Chet Lemon, Alan Bannister, Eric Soderholm and Mike Squires each had three hits in the White Sox 18-hit attack.

Rob Piccolo lashed a base-loaded single in the seventh inning to snap a 2-2 tie and the Oakland A's collected their third straight victory with a 5-2 decision over Seattle.

In the National League, Tony Scott's two-out single in the top of the 14th inning drove in Keith Hernandez with the winning run, and the St. Louis Cardinals held on to beat the Chicago Cubs 3-2.

Warren Cromartie drove in the tying run with a double play grounder, and Ellis Valntine delivered the winning run with a single in the ninth inning as Montreal edged the New York Mets 6-5. Tony Perez homered for the Expos.

In American League night action, the New York Yankees defeated Baltimore 3-1. Jim Spencer and Reggie Jackson homered for New York.

In the NL, Greg Luzinski smacked a homer into the fifth level seats at Three Rivers Stadium, and Bake McBride added his third home run in two nights to power Philadelphia to a 3-2 win over Pittsburgh. Luzinski's homer was the longest ever at Pittsburgh by a visiting player.

On the West Coast, San Francisco reliever Joe Cogeman, who came in for the ejected Gary Lavelle, threw one pitch and walked in the winning run in the bottom of the ninth to give the San Diego Padres A 7-6 victory over the Giants.

Italian takes European heavyweight boxing title

TURIN, Italy, April 19 (R)—Italian challenger Alfredo Zanon Deodoly took the European heavyweight boxing title from Spanish defender Alfredo Evangelista tonight with a convincing points win over 12 rounds. Evangelista, 24, who took the title from Lucien Rodriguez of France in September 1977, looked slow and his only tactic was to rush across the ring trying to reach Zanon with one of his feared right hooks. Zanon, 27, who had already beaten Evangelista on points once before, in February 1977, was well prepared for a repeat performance.

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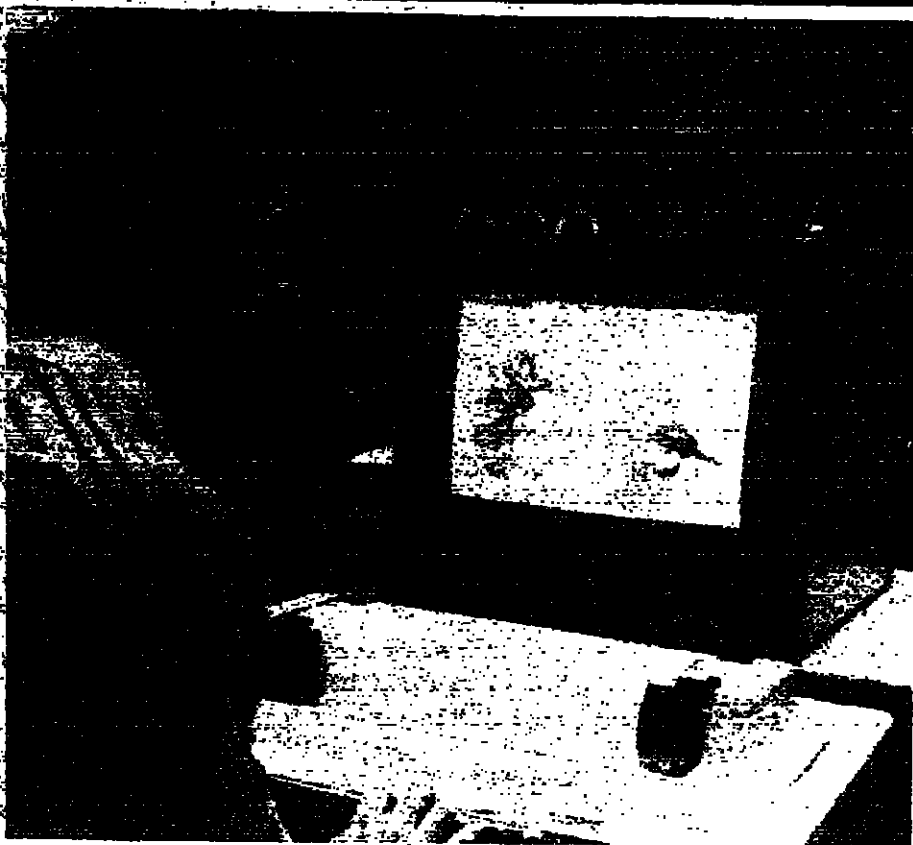
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X-ray view in colour

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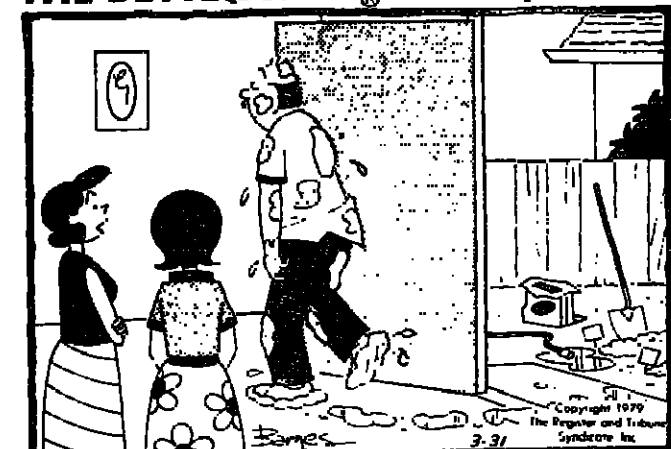


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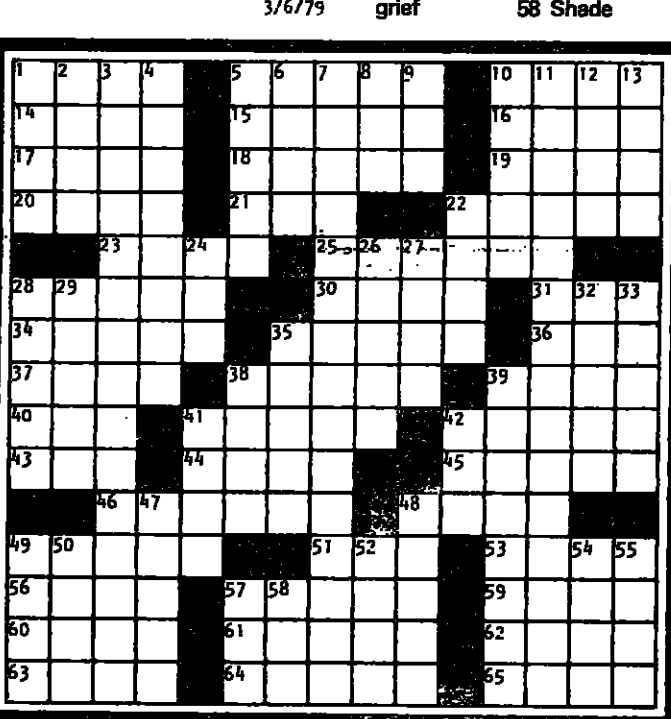
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"It happens every spring. Stanley returns to the soil, and the soil returns to him."

THE Daily Crossword by Herb L. Risteen

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Anti-Amin forces begin new drive to extend control

KAMPALA, April 19 (R) — A week after taking Kampala, Ugandan and Tanzanian forces have begun a methodical offensive to extend their control over anarchic areas where ousted dictator Idi Amin's troops are reported to have massacred civilians.

Refugees fleeing to Kenya spoke of gangs of soldiers from Field Marshal Amin's broken army running wild in the eastern town of Tororo, dragging people from their homes and butchering them. "They are killing everybody in Tororo," said Miss Kabogosa, the town's assistant district commissioner who fled to Kenya.

Two columns of Tanzanian and Ugandan National Liberation Front (UNLF) troops advanced slowly and methodically. One column, led by a Soviet-built T-54 tank, expected to take until early tomorrow to reach Jinja, 80 kilometres to the east, after leaving Kampala at dawn yesterday.

At that rate, even if it continues to meet no opposition, it could be 14 days before the column has swept right around the north of Uganda's Lake Kioga on its mission to destroy the remnants of Mr. Amin's army.

According to an Ugandan officer, it is to join a second column which is moving due north from Kampala to Lira. He said the reunited army then plans to hit the far north-west tribal stronghold of Mr. Amin's Nubian people, who formed most of his army across the Albert Nile.

Reuters correspondent Michael Hughes, with the column going east from Kampala to Jinja yesterday, said 2,000 troops advanced on foot along the road with three tanks and artillery.

"We are not going in a hurry. We expect to reach Jinja on Friday," Major Cyril Okido of Tanzania's Seventh Battalion told Mr. Hughes, explaining that his men had to flush out stray bands of Amin soldiers from thick forest bordering the road.

Amin aide detained

British-born businessman Bob

White House attacks claims of U.S. inability to verify SALT compliance

WASHINGTON, April 19 (R)—The Carter administration has accused a Republican senator of leaking an inaccurate account of secret CIA testimony about U.S. ability to guard against any Soviet cheating on a new strategic arms treaty.

The charge signalled a forceful administration attack on claims that the United States might be unable to verify Soviet compliance with the proposed SALT II treaty.

Presidential spokesman Jody Powell said the loss of U.S. electronics outposts in Iran did not pose problems for SALT II's "overall verifiability."

Mr. Powell took issue with an account by Republican Senator Jake Garn of testimony by CIA Director Stansfield Turner before the Senate Intelligence Committee.

Admiral Turner was quoted as telling the committee that it would take until 1984 for the United States to restore all the intelligence capabilities lost when Americans abandoned several electronics stations following the fall of the Shah of Iran.

The CIA also said the account was "inaccurate as it now stands" but stopped short of blaming Senator Garn, an avowed critic of the treaty being negotiated with the Soviet Union.

Mr. Powell drew a distinction between the CIA director's comment about U.S. ability to restore all intelligence capabilities lost in Iran, and the capabilities needed to verify the nearly completed SALT II pact.

Some Western and Thai analysts doubt the Vietnamese can break the back of the guerrilla resistance in time to allow farmers to adequately lay down the all important rice crop this year. The longer the war lasts, they say, the more difficult will be the massive tasks confronting the government: repopulation of the cities, restoration of industry and social services, and gaining the faith of the population as a whole.

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house them in a refugee camp in Kakamega, western Kenya, the sources said, and some were being questioned.

The refugees have included provincial governors, soldiers and—in high heels, dark glasses and well-cut suits—agents of the State Research Bureau, the spy organisation which butchered thousands of Ugandans under Field Marshal Amin.

"No Ugandan 'refugee' who was a cog in Amin's wheel of torture, murder and other crimes should be let loose anywhere in independent Africa," Kenya's Standard newspaper said yesterday.

The sources said he was now being interrogated in an up-country Kenyan town which was not identified.

Mr. Astles, known as "Major Bob" when he was one of Field Marshal Amin's closest advisers, was among a number of Amin supporters being questioned in Kenya, the sources added.

They said nearly 1,000 Ugandans had reached Kenya since an army of Tanzanian troops and Ugandan exiles took Kampala, proclaimed a new government and accused Field Marshal Amin of mass murder.

Kenyan authorities wanted to

Revered Indian pacifist threatens to take own life unless slaughter of cows banned

NEW DELHI, April 19 (R) — Veteran pacifist Acharya Vinoba Bhave, a frail ascetic revered by millions of Indians as a saint, is threatening to starve himself to death to press for a total ban on cow slaughter.

He has turned down all appeals from government envoys who have gone to his remote ashram (hermitage) to plead with him to give up his proposed fast.

Cows are sacred to Hindus and the 83-year-old acharya (teacher) has decided to start an indefinite fast on Sunday in the western state of Maharashtra.

The ban on slaughtering cows was written in the Indian constitution but it was left to individual states to pass the necessary legislation.

A ban, either total or partial, is in force in most Indian states. But Mr. Vinoba Bhave, a favourite disciple of the late Mahatma Gandhi, wants West Bengal and Kerala to follow suit.

The chief ministers of the two states, who visited the ashram after discussing the issue with Indian Premier Morarji Desai, himself an advocate of the ban, offered to enforce more restrictions on cow slaughter.

At present, cows cannot be killed in Kerala unless they are 14-year-old and unfit for work or breeding. In West Bengal, the age limit is ten years.

"We received data from stations that went beyond verifying SALT," he said. "It (the loss of stations in Iran) is not expected to pose problems to the overall verifiability of the treaty."

Defence Secretary Harold Brown said recently that the Iranian capabilities could be made up in other ways in about a year—soon enough, he said, to track new Soviet missile work.

Mr. Powell said it was apparent that the New York Times, which initially reported on the CIA director's comments, "has given an inaccurate account of Admiral Turner's testimony."

Some administration officials acknowledged that the case for SALT II may have been weakened by Admiral Turner's avowed intention not to offer his opinion whether the overall treaty is "verifiable"—the jargon of treaty experts.

Instead, the CIA director has said he will only give his judgments on U.S. ability to monitor Soviet activities governed by the pact.

This stance, some administration officials said, appeared designed to keep the CIA above the heated political battle shaping up in the Senate, which must ratify the treaty.

CIA spokesman Herb Hetu suggested that Mr. Turner felt he was being caught in a crossfire of claims and counter-claims about SALT verification.

"The admiral feels they ought to fight it out in committee rooms in Congress and not in the newspapers," he said.

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Rain, more tremors hinder relief efforts in Yugoslavia

TITOGRAD, Yugoslavia, April 19 (R) — Relief supplies are pouring into Yugoslavia's earthquake-devastated southern region of Montenegro, but heavy rain and fresh tremors have slowed aid reaching an estimated 80,000 homeless people.

Road and rail links were shattered by the earthquake which hit southern Yugoslavia on Sunday, killing 200 people and injuring 1,000. Now heavy rain has turned tracks into bogs and convoys of trucks carrying relief supplies battle against mud and fallen rocks.

Many families, terrified of new tremors, are sleeping in the open for the fourth night running, huddled under umbrellas or inside tents, wrapped in blankets.

The earthquake has also destroyed or severely damaged several medieval monasteries and churches considered not only part of a priceless cultural heritage but also major attractions for millions of foreign tourists.

Relief supplies are reaching the coastal areas with less difficulty than the mountainous hinterland, where several hilltop villages were raised to the ground in the disaster. Only now are a few

loads of bread and cans of food getting through. Thousands of tents have been delivered and prefabricated houses set up in the coastal region of the Adriatic, but rescue workers have been unable to get them through to the remote areas.

Yugoslavia's state and Communist Party leaders met in Belgrade last night to discuss the disaster. Mr. Vojko Szezanic, the communist chief of Montenegro, told the meeting that comprehensive political action was necessary as new problems would emerge after the first shock when people realised they had lost everything in a minute they had taken years to create. He put the population's priorities in this order: providing shelters, health protection, education for children and jobs.

Some schools and hospitals are functioning under tents and the entire population from ages three to 60 will have been vaccinated against diseases by tonight.

But getting the economy running again will be the most difficult task. With many hotels destroyed, the major tourist trade is in ruins, harbour facilities are virtually non-existent and industry has been paralysed.

increase in racial tensions that periodically have flared into street violence and rioting.

But in terms of the number of candidates running for election to the House of Commons May 3, the Front ranks fourth after the big three—the Conservatives, Labour and the Liberals.

The controllers of Britain's two TV networks, the state-run British Broadcasting Corporation and the commercial Independent Television Network, have given the Front little air-time since it was formed in 1967.

But by having more than 50 candidates, it qualifies for one five-minute election broadcast on television, broadcast simultaneously on all three channels, April 26.

It can also now legitimately claim to be represented alongside the three major parties on television and radio discussions during the election campaigning.

The front's national organiser, Mr. Martin Webster, claimed one of the major reasons for running so many candidates was to beat "the conspiracy of the media against us" by forcing the networks to give the movement equal air-time with the major parties.

The Front, formed by a merger of the British National Party, the League of Empire Loyalists and other rightist groups, aims to restore Britain's faded imperial greatness, halt non-white immigration and repatriate the 3.2 million non-whites living in this country.

Its founder and chairman, 44-year-old Mr. John Tyndall, once strutted in Nazi-style uniform as one of the leaders of the British

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World News Briefs

Greece: 'Anti-Turkish activities' draw protest
ATHENS, April 19 (R) — Turkey protested yesterday an alleged anti-Turkish activities in Greece by Kurds and Armenians. An informed source said. The protest was made to Greek Foreign Minister George Rallis by Turkey's Ambassador Necdet Tezcan. The two incidents mentioned in the Turkish protest were a press conference last Saturday by a visiting group of Kurds alleged persecution of Kurdish communities in eastern Turkey, the unveiling in Athens of a monument to Armenian victims of Turkish oppression. The source said that Mr. Tezcan told the foreign minister such acts did not contribute to the creation of a climate conducive for negotiations to settle disputes between neighbouring nations. Mr. Rallis replied that both activities were private and not sponsored by the Greek authorities, the initial both taken by private people who were free to carry out activities in Greece, the source said.

Anti-nuclear groups to march on Washington
WASHINGTON, April 19 (R) — Anti-nuclear groups announced plans to march on Washington on May 6 to protest against President Carter's commitment to continue development of nuclear power after last month's nuclear accident at Pennsylvania station. The march is being organised by a coalition of environmental, labour and church groups whose spokesmen include Ralph Nader, told a press conference the march would coincide with anti-nuclear conferences in the cities, including Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, site of the nuclear plant.

Soviet official backs E. German sovereignty
EAST BERLIN, April 19 (R) — The Soviet ambassador to Germany, Mr. Piotr Abramov, yesterday ridiculed recent West German press that Moscow might consider allowing reunification of Germany. He said in an article in the East German weekly weekly Horizont that the Soviet Union would take any measures which would harm the sovereignty of a communist state such as East Germany. Several West German papers and magazines have claimed there were signs that the growing danger from China, Moscow might try to seal western flank by allowing East and West Germany to be neutral, non-aligned state. The ambassador stressed that it was to develop good ties with Bonn, but would never fix East German ally.

U.S. urged not to withhold from U.N. but
COLUMBIA, South Carolina, April 19 (R) — U.S. Sen. General Kurt Waldheim said yesterday that financial aid result at the United Nations if the U.S. Congress continues to withhold part of America's contribution to the U.N. budget. This year held back part of the U.S. contribution because of objections to some U.N. programmes. Defending the world aid at an address at the University of South Carolina, Mr. Waldheim said that the only result would be financial chaos, as it would be in the other country if its citizens were to insist on paying their programmes they liked," he said. He added that he was not by the efforts in Congress to reverse the restrictions.

Court awards Lee Marvin's companion \$10
LOS ANGELES, April 19 (R) — Lawyers today awarded a claim by jilted lovers following a court ruling that actor Lee Marvin should pay his former live-in companion, Michelle Triola \$104,000 in the first full courtroom test of the so-called "palimony" law. Superior Court Judge Arthur Marshall rejected Miss Triola's claim there was an agreement between Mr. Marvin and her to share communal property. But he awarded the 46-year-old singer \$104,000 for "rehabilitation purposes." A number of showbusiness people are already awaiting their turn in court similar suits, based on the recent "palimony" law, that an person can sue for a share of communal property if there is an implied contract between the couple.

Similarly, the Abeteth incident is thought to have been deliberately timed to coincide with the visit to Morocco of French Foreign Minister Jean Francois-Poncet at a time when French support for Morocco is thought to be wavering.

Moroccan military sources admit there has been a big Polisario built-up. Besides being more heavily armed with weapons made in the Soviet Union and China, the guerrilla units are larger and better trained than before.

To meet this challenge, the Moroccans have changed tactics. Instead of defending fortified positions and waiting for the Polisario to harass them, Moroccan troops are now matching the guerrillas with small, highly mobile units on infiltration routes and setting ambushes as they did at Abeteth.

The Moroccans are also recruiting large numbers of Saharan volunteers from local tribes that have a warrior tradition and who are familiar with the desert terrain. An artillery officer in the fortified town of Smara, 150 kilometres east of El Aïun, said more than

half of the troops there are Saharans.

Volunteers from the stricken tribes are attracted by double pay, good food, and accommodation. A Moroccan officer dismissed the volunteers could do other side. "They prefer comfort than to die miserably."

The towns are now heavily-guarded convoys of helicopter flying overhead or up-dead or wounded in the vehicles are blown landmines planted Polisario.

Military sources express bitterness at the fact that sophisticated detection meant to locate guerrilla movements, and have no anti-aircraft like the American planes or Cobra helicopters which the United States refused to supply.

"When Russia is supplied with all it can refuse to help us," said town of Smara, 150 kilometres east of El Aïun, said more than

the United States.

Cambodians: Caught between hatred, distrust

By Denis Gray

BANGKOK, Thailand—Recent refugees from Cambodia say many people there are caught between hatred of the brutal regime of toppled Premier Pol Pot and distrust of the current government, which is also communist and obviously controlled by the Vietnamese with whom the Cambodians have fought for centuries.

Some Western and Thai analysts doubt the Vietnamese can break the back of the guerrilla resistance in time to allow farmers to adequately lay down the all important rice crop this year. The longer the war lasts, they say, the more difficult will be the massive tasks confronting the government: repopulation of the cities, restoration of industry and social services, and gaining the faith of the population as a whole.

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Cambodia today is a country wracked by continued warfare, ruled by a regime propped up by the country's traditional enemy and faced with the possibility of serious food shortages, refugees and Indochina analysts say.

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Farmers from areas of the northwest say Vietnamese and Heng Samrin forces came to their villages and appointed a rudimentary leadership before pulling out. Then the Pol Pot soldiers returned and executed the newly appointed headmen.

Mr. Ty Kim An, a onetime English textbook writer who fled to Thailand early last month, provided a description of two northwestern cities—Battambang and Sisophon—that may be typical of much of Cambodia today.

The 34-year-old refugee said both cities were crisscrossed by people who had fled from the countryside to seek protection under the Vietnamese, who far outnumbered the Heng Samrin soldiers and were clearly the real authority.

Each morning the people would venture out to the countryside

nearby to gather or try to plant food and were sometimes attacked by the Pol Pot guerrillas since the Vietnamese could not provide adequate security for all. They returned in the evening to the towns.

"The Pol Pot side would try to send agents with the people. When they were discovered they were turned over to the Vietnamese or sometimes killed on the spot by the people themselves," Ty Kim An said.

There was only barter trade with rice and sometimes gold as the means of exchange, he said. The Vietnamese reportedly handed out some commodities free, including basic foodstuffs and medicine, but asked gold for items like coffee, sugar and extra medicine.

Mr. Ty Kim An and villagers who had escaped from Battambang province said the Vietnamese were attempting to set up some administrative system but it still appeared to be haphazard and difficult to implement.

Mr. Mol Fit, a farmer from Soeung village, said Vietnamese and Heng Samrin cadre had told the people to organise units of ten families to work the fields together, while in Sisophon, Mr. Ty Kim An said 20-family groups were set up with one man chosen responsible for their welfare.

Refugees to Thailand since Jan. 7 consistently expressed gratitude that the new order has disbanded the strict rural communes, put an end to communal cooking and eating, restored the Buddhist religion and granted some freedom of movement. Mr. Ty Kim An said that in Sisophon the Vietnamese distributed radio batteries free of charge and even allowed people to listen to the Voice of America.

"I can't imagine how the Vietnamese can feed all the people who fled to the towns and they don't seem to be going out to the fields in large numbers to begin planting rice because of the poor security," one Western Indochina watcher here said. "If the new government can't set up an administrative system and come up with an adequate rice crop nobody will support it."

should begin this month.

Non-communist reporters who recently have visited Phnom Penh say that initial attempts have been made to restore public services and revive some light industries in the capital city, where the Vietnamese again seem to play the dominant role.

Cambodia's 28-year-old Foreign Minister Hun Sen told the news magazine "Asiaweek" recently that because of the pogrom by the Pol Pot regime against intellectuals, the Heng Samrin government was having trouble finding people to reopen schools and hospitals.

He claimed that between two and three million Cambodians had been slain by Mr. Pol Pot and that the country's population does not exceed five million. Some Western experts have also suspected that Cambodia's population has dropped sharply from the pre-1975 estimate of seven to eight million.

"We are afraid the old system will return. We don't trust the new government," Mr. Ty Kim An said. "The Vietnamese and Cambodians are like oil and water. Now they give freedom but when they get better organised they will claim down like before."

Ploughing of the rice fields

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